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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 1947

OF

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

including the Report of

THE SANITARY INSPECTOR.

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To the Chairman and Councillors.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health of the Urban District of Ventnor.

The year under review has again brought about a change in your public health staff for in November, 1947, Dr. H. C. Calvey was appointed Senior Clinical Tuberculosis Officer to Kent County Council and on his resignation, I had the honour to be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Vital statistics of the area present a reasonably satisfactory picture. The birth rate has risen from 16.8 live births per 1000 to 22.1 per thousand, but this has been offset by a rise in the death rate from 16.9 per thousand to 20.0 per thousand. As the death rate for England and Wales as a whole was 12.0 per thousand, our figure would appear to be an unfavourable one but we have in our district an undue percentage of elderly persons and invalids who come to us because of the pleasant conditions obtaining in the district.

There has been an increase in the number of notifications of infectious disease due largely to an outbreak of measles in the early months of the year.

The outstanding event of the period under review was the outbreak of infantile paralysis which occurred in the late summer and early autumn. The district was moderately involved and five cases of the disease occurred, one of these having a fatal termination.

One case of diphtheria occurred and when the figures showing the percentage of children immunised against the disease is examined, we find that only 27.4% of pre-school children have had protective inoculation. This is a very low figure indeed and great efforts will be required to have many more of these children made immune from this disabling, dangerous and quite unnecessary disease.

Notification of persons suffering from tuberculosis has risen from 20 in 1946 to 28 in 1947. Of this number 10 were people who were transferred from the mainland to our district and 3 were persons who had previously been notified and had returned to the district after sojourn elsewhere. Even so, the prevalence of the disease still appears to be on the increase, this being part of a national rise in incidence following the war years.

I have the honour to be, gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

JOHN S. CAMERON.

Medical Officer of Health.

Health Department,
Salisbury Gardens,
Ventnor, I.W.

August, 1948.

VENTNOR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health,

John S. Cameron,

M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector,
Inspector of Meat and Other Foods.

W. G. Saunders.

Cert. R.S.I., M.R.S.I.

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GENERAL.

Statistics.

Area in acres.	3522.
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1947).	2238.
Rateable value.	£63,296.
Sum represented by 1d. rate.	£240.
Population - Registrar General's estimate	5750.
Live births - rate per 1000 of estimated resident population.	22.1
Live births - rate per 1000 of England and Wales.	20.5
Stillbirths - rate per 1000 live and stillbirths.	52.2
Deaths - Crude death rate per 1000 of estimated resident population.	20.0
Rate for England and Wales.	12.0
Deaths from puerperal causes	Nil.

Deaths of infants under one year of age:-	Male.	Female.
Legitimate	1	5
Illegitimate	1	-

Death rate of infants under one year of age per 1000 live births.	55.1
Death rate of legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births.	51.3
Death rate of illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births.	100.0

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.

Information regarding such services was fully set out in 1938 Report. There are no changes to record.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	7	6	-
Diphtheria.	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	-	-
Pneumonia.	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis.	5	5	1
Ophthalmia neonatorum.	-	-	-
Measles.	28	3	-
Whooping Cough.	4	-	-
Meningitis.	1	1	-
Erysipelas.	2	-	-
Total	49	16	1 *

* This patient's permanent address was on the mainland.

	Menin-gitis.	Scar-let Fever.	Oph. Neo.	Diph.	Pneu, monia	Polio-myel-itis.	Meas-les.	Whpg. Cough.	Erys-ip-elas.	Puer. Pyrex.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1 and under 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
2 -do- 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
3 -do- 4	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	1	-	-
4 -do- 5	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	-	-	-
5 -do- 10	-	5	-	-	-	1	13	1	-	-
10 -do- 15	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
15 -do- 20	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
20 -do- 35	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
35 -do- 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 -do- 65	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Totals	1	7	-	1	-	5	28	4	2	1

DIPHTHERIA PROPHYLAXIS.

Urban District ... ... Ventnor.

	Aged under 5 years.	5 - 15.
The percentage of the child population it is considered were immunised at 31.12.47.	27.4	61.5

(This estimate includes so far as can be assessed, children immunised in the Authority's area by private arrangements and children who have come into the area after being immunised elsewhere).

NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

From the weekly returns of Headteachers:-

Mumps.	1
German Measles.	-
Chicken Pox.	1
Ringworm.	1
Influenza and Influenzal Colds.	-
Impetigo.	-
Scabies.	-
Jaundice.	-
Total.	3

TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	Total.	New Cases. Pulm. M.	New Cases. Pulm. F.	New Cases. Non-Pulm. M.	New Cases. Non-Pulm. F.	Total.	Deaths. Pulm. M.	Deaths. Pulm. F.	Deaths. Non-Pulm. M.	Deaths. Non-Pulm. F.
0 and under 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 -do- 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -do- 10	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
10 -do- 15	5	1	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
15 -do- 20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 -do- 25	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -do- 35	6	4	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
35 -do- 45	8	6	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
45 -do- 55	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 -do- 65	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
65 and over.	3	-	2	-	1	4	1	2	-	1
Total.	*28	13	8	2	5	**7	3	3	-	1

* This number includes 10 transfers from the mainland, 2 cases in which the death return gave the first information and 3 old cases left Island and returned.

** This total includes 2 cases in which the death return gave the first information.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year, 1947, for the Urban District of Ventnor in the County of the Isle of Wight.

PART I of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	Number on Register.	Inspections	Number of Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	17	52	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	16	41	1	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-
Total.	33	93	2	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred To H.M. Inspector.	Referred By H.M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1).	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2).	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature. (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6).	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7).					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork.)	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	2	2	-	-	-

WATER.

The water supply to the area is derived from three sources, viz:-

(a) The Wroxall-Ventnor railway tunnel originating from the downland catchment area.

(b) An adit leading into a well below the pumping station.

(c) A heading into St. Martin's Down for the supply of the Wroxall district.

Supplies are used also from the St. Lawrence Spring by purchase from the Rural District Council and a supplementary source from Wroxall by payment to Shanklin U.D.C.

The quantity of water available is not fully adequate for summer demands and has suffered recently as a result of low rainfall during the past few years.

The purity of these supplies is beyond reproach but the physical properties fall short of excellence by reason of the high sileceous content. During the year the number of samples examined was:-

Chemical	Nil.
Bacteriological	2.

In addition, certain other sources have been investigated by the Water Engineer with a view to exploring their suitability for increasing the yield available for the area, the number of such samples bacteriologically examined being 3.

HOUSING.

Inspection of dwellinghouses during the year.

1.	(a) Total number of dwellinghouses inspected for housing defects (under P.H. or Housing Acts).	124
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	130
2.	(a) Number of dwellinghouses (included under sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidating Regulations 1925-32.	Nil.
	(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	Nil.
3.	Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	Nil.
4.	Number of dwellinghouses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	124

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

Number of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority of their Officers 124

Action under Statutory Powers during the Year.

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936:

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil.
2. Number of dwellinghouses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices	
(a) by owners	Nil.
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil.

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts.

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil.
2. Number of dwellinghouses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) by owners.	Nil.
(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	Nil.

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of Housing Act, 1936.

1. Number of dwellinghouses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	Nil.
2. Number of dwellinghouses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	Nil.

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

1. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil.
2. Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit.	Nil.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS.

Houses, Public Health Act.	124
Slaughterhouses.	201
Butchers shops.	300
Other food premises.	327
Bakehouses.	66
Cowsheds.	58
Dairies.	62
Fish shops.	60
Fried fish shops.	51
Drains inspected.	162
Drains tested.	96
Revisits to property under notice.	130
Public conveniences.	51
Air raid shelters	-
Factory and Workshops.	94
Interviews with owners and others.	94
Complaints	87
Pigsties and stables.	38
Miscellaneous.	90
Infectious diseases.	14
Fumigations.	47
Water samples.	2
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SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORK CARRIED OUT.

Roofs repaired	13
Dampness remedied.	14
Floors repaired.	15
Window sashes repaired.	2.
Window sash cords renewed.	4
Doors repaired or renewed.	3
Grates do.	4
Air bricks fitted.	2
Copper furnaces repaired.	1
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed.	3
Eaves gutters and down spouts repaired or renewed.	7
Chimney pots renewed.	2
" stacks pointed.	9
Drains repaired and cleansed.	22
New sanitary bins supplied.	-
Water service pipes repaired or renewed.	3
New W.C. Pans.	10
" " Seats.	10
Soil pipes repaired.	1
Ventilation.	1
New gratings to gullies.	2
Ceilings and walls repaired.	10
do. cleansed and redecorated.	11
Yard Paving repaired or relaid.	4
Inspection Chambers built.	2
Water Service Pipes renewed.	2
Water Sewage Tanks renewed.	2

STATEMENT OF MEAT CONDEMNED, 1947.

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed, if known.	-	-	-	-	4021
Numbers inspected.	-	-	-	-	3986
All diseases except T.B. - whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	1
All diseases except T.B. - Part of organ condemned.	-	-	-	-	46
T.B. only - whole carcases condemned.	-	-	-	-	1
T.B. only - Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	180

SUMMARY OF MEAT AND FOOD CONDEMNED, 1947.

Pigs carcases.	2.
Pigs heads.	83.
Pigs plucks.	143.
Bacon.	9 lbs.
Corned Beef.	234 lbs.

Total weight of meat condemned 2384 lbs.

FISH.

Halibut.	15 stone.
Smoked fillet.	13 stone.
Smoked Coddlings.	9 stone.
Cod.	9 stone.
Whiting.	3 stone.
Haddock.	3 stone.
Dry haddock.	6 stone.
Plaice.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ stone.
Crab.	18 stone.
Cat fish.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ stone.
Kippers.	6 stone.
Shrimps.	2 stone.
Cod fillet.	6 stone.

Total 95 stone.

VARIOUS OTHER FOODS.

Sugar.	2081 lbs.
Custard powder.	144 packets.
Beans.	47 tins.
Bacon rashers.	5 tins.
Pork sausage meat.	14 tins.
Stewed steak.	38 tins.
Peaches.	13 tins.
Milk condensed.	96 tins.
Peas.	65 tins.
Steak and kidney.	21 tins.
Boned chicken.	4 tins.
Tomatoes.	9 tins.
Potatoes.	4 tins.
M. & V. Ration.	5 tins.
Carrots.	6 tins.
Pickles.	18 jars.
Grape fruit.	10 tins.
Orange.	2 tins.
Fruit salad.	2 tins.
Mixed veg.	4 tins.
Tongue.	2 tins.
Brawn.	2 tins.
Salmon.	49 tins.
Herrings.	3 tins.
Pilchards.	17 tins.
Sardines.	3 tins.
Herring spread.	146 tins.
Biscuits.	84 lbs.
Fish Cakes.	40.
Shell eggs.	810.
Butter.	20 lbs.
Cheese.	22 lbs.

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August, 1948.